**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1. (Canceled)

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| 1 | 2. (Currently Amended) A program processing system for performing a |
| 2 | program process using an electronic program guide, comprising: |
| 3 | a communication network; |
| 4 | a program processing apparatus for executing a program process, |
| 5 | said apparatus having |
| 6 | a database for storing program reservation data identifying a |
| 7 | reservation of particular externally broadcast programs for |
| 8 | recording, |
| 9 | means for preparing a program condition data based, at least |
| 10 | in part, on said reservation data, |
| 11 | means for receiving and storing a privacy level data having at |
| 12 | least a first value and a second value, |
| 13 | means transmitting the stored privacy level data through said |
| 14 | communication network, and |
| 15 | means for transmitting, based at least in part on said privacy |
| 16 | level data, said program condition data through said network, |
| 17 | wherein said transmitting selectively transmits said condition data |
| 18 | when said privacy level data has said first value and is inhibited |
| 19 | from transmitting said condition data when said privacy level data |
| 20 | has said second value; |
| 21 | an electronic program guide preparation server, connected to said |
| 22 | communication network, for preparing an electronic program guide, |

23     wherein said electronic program guide preparation server includes

24     reception means for receiving said privacy level data and said condition

25     data through said communication network, means for preparing an

26     electronic program guide including a display form showing a reservation

27     status of the externally broadcast programs based on said received

28     condition data, and transmission means for transmitting the prepared

29     electronic program guide to said program processing apparatus,

30          wherein said program processing apparatus further includes

31          means for displaying the electronic program guide received through

32     said communication network,

33          means for recording said externally broadcast programs,; and

34          a recorded program database for storing information identifying

35     externally broadcast programs that have been recorded by said means for

36     recording said externally broadcast programs,

37          a program playback section for retrieving and playing externally

38     broadcast programs stored in said recorded program database;

39          inputting means for receiving user commands relating to the

40     electronic program guide displayed by said means for displaying the

41     electronic program guide received from said electronic program guide

42     preparation server, wherein said receiving includes receiving user

43     commands identifying an acquisition period associated with said electronic

44     program guide; and

45          an operating instruction section for controlling said program

46     playback section based on said electronic program guide displayed by said

47     means for displaying and on said user commands,

48          wherein said preparing performed by said means for preparing a

49     program condition data includes preparing the program condition data

50     further based on said information stored in said recorded program

51   database identifying externally broadcast programs that have been

52   recorded, and

53        wherein said preparing performed by said means for preparing an

54   electronic program guide further includes:

55        identifying a present date and time from an external clock;

56        determining, based on the identified present date and time and the

57   user-input acquisition period received at said inputting means, a time

58   relation of the identified present time and the user-input acquisition

59   period as being one of the identified present date and time being within the

60   user-input acquisition period, the user-input acquisition period being

61   earlier than the identified present date and time, and the identified user-

62   input acquisition period being later than the identified present date and

63   time,

64        determining, in response to determining the identified present date

65   and time being within the user-input acquisition period, whether or not a

66   program within the user-input acquisition period is being currently

67   recorded,

68        confirming, in response to determining the user-input acquisition

69   period as earlier than the identified present time, stored information in the

70   recorded program database relating to recorded programs within the user-

71   input acquisition period, and

72        confirming, in response to determining the user-input acquisition

73   period as later than the identified present time, stored information in the

74   database for storing program reservation data relating to programs within

75   the user-input acquisition period.


3-15. (Canceled)

1    16. (Currently Amended) The program processing system of claim 2 ~~14~~,

2    wherein a monetary consideration which, differs depending upon said

3    privacy level data sent from said program processing apparatus, is

4    imposed for said electronic program guide preparation server sending said

5    electronic guide to said program processing apparatus.


1    17. (New) The program processing system of claim 2, wherein said

2    preparing performed by said means for preparing an electronic program

3    includes, in response to said determining whether or not a program within

4    the user-input acquisition period is being currently recorded determining

5    the identified present date and time being within the user-input

6    acquisition period, identifying for at least one program within the user-

7    input acquisition period whether not the program is being recorded, and

8    displaying a corresponding information on said means for displaying the

9    electronic program guide.


1    18. (New) The program processing system of claim 17, wherein said

2    displaying a corresponding information includes displaying, in response to

3    identifying the program being recorded, a request for a user input

4    command regarding the recording.


1    19. (New) The program processing system of claim 17, wherein said

2    displaying a corresponding information includes displaying, in response to

3    identifying the program being not recorded, a request for a user input

4    command to record the program.


1    20. (New) The program processing system of claim 19, wherein said means

2    for recording said externally broadcast programs detects, in response to

3    receiving the user input command to record the program, whether another

4    program is being recorded and, in response detecting another program

5    being recorded, displays on said means for displaying the electronic

6    program guide a request for a user input command for selecting a program.


1    21. (New) The program processing system of claim 2, wherein said

2    confirming performed in response to determining the user-input

3    acquisition period as earlier than the identified present time of a stored

4    information in the recorded program database includes acquiring, from the

5    recorded program database, a present situation information regarding a

6    recorded status and a broadcast time of at least one program within the

7    user-input acquisition period.


1    22. (New) The program processing system of claim 2, wherein said

2    confirming performed in response to determining the user-input

3    acquisition period as later than the identified present time of a stored

4    information in the recorded program database includes acquiring, from the

5    database for storing program reservation data, a present situation

6    information regarding a reservation status of at least one program within

7    the user-input acquisition period.


1    23. (New) The program processing system of claim 2, wherein preparing

2    performed by said means for preparing an electronic program guide

3    includes receiving user preferences regarding a format for displaying

4    present situations of channels within said user-input acquisition period,

5    and preparing said electronic program guide for particularly display of the

6    electronic program guide, on said means for displaying the electronic

7    program guide, in accordance with said user preferences.

1     24. (New) The program processing system of claim 2, wherein said

2     preparing performed by said means for preparing an electronic program

3     guide includes preparing the electronic format guide to display different

4     user command options based on determining the identified present date

5     and time being within the user-input acquisition period, the user-input

6     acquisition period being earlier than the identified present date and time,

7     and the identified user-input acquisition period being later than the

8     identified present date and time.